

NPIC/TSSG/DED-1286-68  
23 July 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: [ ] Processor

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1. Under Contract [ ] a [ ] Processor to handle 70mm through 9 1/2 inch roll film was designed and fabricated. The processor, at the time of preliminary acceptance at the Contractor's plant, worked very well and met all specifications. It was then shipped [ ] in August 1967 for test and evaluation.

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2. After installation [ ] the processor failed to produce any acceptable output film. Numerous defects in design and performance were evident. Consequently [ ] they would remedy the situation and asked that the equipment be returned to their plant which was done in November 1967. It was assumed from telephone conversations with [ ] personnel, that the modifications were being performed. However, as it turns out, very little was done to the processor between November 1967 and May 1968. The Contracting Officer then sent [ ] a letter concerning the delinquent status of the contract and requested a detailed statement of their intentions. The Contractor's reply of 20 June 1968 stated that they felt the effort was beyond the present state-of-art, that the application was not technically practical, and requested the contract be terminated for mutual convenience.

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3. [ ] [ ] was then contacted regarding this action. After three meetings between [ ] the Contract Monitor, they decided to go ahead with the contract and complete the processor. A final meeting was held [ ] on 18 July 1968 with the Contracting Officer, the Contract Monitor and [ ] representatives. It was decided at that meeting [ ] will send in a re-definition of the program by 15 August 1968 and will begin the necessary modifications by 1 September. They estimate it will take approximately six months to complete and will cost them an additional 50K. Since this is a Fixed Price contract, the cost will have to be borne by the Contractor.

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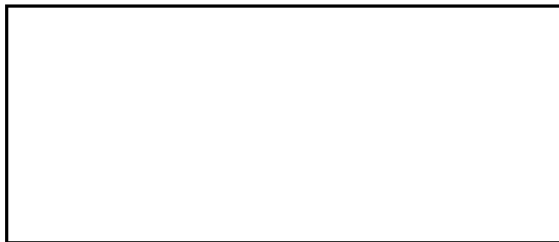
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4. Upon completion, it is planned to install the processor in the Photo Lab area for T&E by TPD personnel. This action has been coordinated with RD/PSG and TPD/TSSG.



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MEMORANDUM FOR [redacted]

Re your query on the [redacted] Processor progress between Nov 1967 and May 1968 - I was informed [redacted]

in Dec and Jan 1968 that they were investigating the problems. They then decided that it would constitute a change in Cease (Feb 68). This was turned down. They then offered to split-fund the mod which was also declined. Their final decision to complete the processor (June 68) was dictated by [redacted] so they are now going ahead.

(DATE) [redacted]

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